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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: REFINED ALUMINIUM STRIP OR SHEET
FOR ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITORS

Group Art Unit: 1793

Examiner: J. C. Morillo

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed December 6, 2007, Applicants elect Claims 1 and 2 directed to an aluminum alloy sheet or strip for prosecution in this application, with traverse.

Applicants object to the finding of lack of unity in invention. The present application was previously examined under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and unity of invention was found. The present finding of lack of unity is inconsistent with the PCT examination.

Applicants submit that there is a single inventive concept linking the four claims, which is the pure aluminum